(घ) तथा (ङ) केन्द्रीय पूल से किया जाने वाला आबंटन खुले बाजार की उपलब्धता में पूरक का काम करता है। सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत सभी राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को खाद्यान्नों (गेहूं तथा चावल) का आबन्टन माह दर माह के आधार पर किया जाता है। सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत माह 94 में राज्यों को आबंटित किए जाने वाले अतिरिक्त गेहूं का ब्यौरा निम्नलिखित है :

(मात्रा मीटरी टन में)

क्र० संख्या	राज्यों के नाम	अतिरिक्त आबंटन
1	बिहार	10,000
2	हिमाचल प्रदेश	1,000
3	कर्नाटक	5,000
4	उड़ीसा	5,000
5	तमिल नाडु	5,000
6	पश्चिम बंगाल	10,000
7	हरियाणा	8,000

(च) राज्य सरकारों के प्रयासों में सहयोग देने के उद्देश्य से यह सरकार एक केन्द्र क्षेत्रीय योजना—विशेष खाद्यान्न उत्पादन कार्यक्रम, गेहूं, जिसमें गेहू का मिनीकिट प्रदर्शन कार्यक्रम शामिल है, क्रियान्वित कर रही है। इसके अलावा, गेहूं की उत्पादकता और उत्पादन में वृद्धि लाने के उद्देश्य से गेहूं को 1993-94 की फसल के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य में भी वृद्धि कर दी गयी है।

Network of Seed Banks By Farmers

1535. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers have decided to establish a network of Seed Banks throughout the country in collaboration with Scientists to counter the threat of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) looming large on the third world so as to have a parallel system and their own seed certification system and exchange seeds with third world Ryots ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken so far by Government to sympathise with the farmers in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The Ministry has not received any official information in this regard.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Market and Support Prices of Groundnut

1536. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) What is the market and support prices of ground-nut ;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the ground-nut farmers are in severe crisis due to the steep fall in the market price of groundnuts; and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to rescue the ground-nut farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The minimum support price for ground-in-shell of FAQ variety for 1993-94 season has been fixed at Rs. 800 per quintal. As per available information, the wholesale prices of groundnut-in-shell in 1993-94 have ruled between Rs. 930 and Rs. 1035 per quintal in Rajkot of Gujarat and between Rs. 735 and Rs. 875 per quintal in Vijayanagram centre of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir. The wholesale prices of groundnut-in-shell in 1993-94 (upto January, 1994) in major producing States of the country have, by and large, been ruling at higher levels than those ruled in 1992-93. These prices also remained at levels higher than

the minimum support price. However, Vijayanagram Centre of Andhra Pradesh, the prices ruled below the minimum price support level for sometime due to varietal differences.

(c) In order to check the prices to fall at below minimum support perice, the National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation has been undertaking price support operations.

Propagation of Palm Oil Cultivation In Karnataka

1537. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government is aware of the Karnataka Government's plans to propagate Palm-oil cultivation in the State in a big way ;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Karnataka has sought any subsidy toward area expansion programmes for Palm-oil cultivation; and

(c) whether the Central Government would consider the establishment of a National Research Centre on Palm-oil in Karnataka ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A subsidy to the extent of 75% of the cost of the planting material subject to a ceiling of Rs. 3,750/- per hectare is being provided to all the Oil Palm growers and a subsidy to the extent of 50% of the cost of cultivation (Rs. 12,500/- per ha.) subject to a ceiling of Rs. 75,000/- (6 ha.) for individual Oil Palm grower's family are being provided for the gestation period of 4 years to promote Oil Palm cultivation during Eighth Plan in potential States including Karnataka. This subsidy is being shared between the Government of India and the concerned State Governments on 75 : 25 basis.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultura Rsearch (ICAR) has decided to establish a field Station of the National Research Centre on Oil Palm at Sathanur Farm in Mandya District in Karnataka.

संसद सदस्यों का कृषि मंत्रालय से पत्राचार

1538. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 अप्रैल, 1990 से 31 मार्च, 1993 की अवधि के दौरान सांसदों द्वारा मंत्रालय को कितने पत्र लिखे गए और उनका वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) उनमें से कितने पत्रों की पावती भेजी गई ;

(ग) कितने पत्रों के अन्तिम उत्तर भेजे गए ; और

(घ) मंत्रालय द्वारा क्रमश : सकारात्मक और नकारात्मक उत्तर वाले भेजे गए अंतिम पत्रों के पृथक-पृथक आंकड़े क्या हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Post Harvest Losses

1539. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) what is the total post harvest losses of various agriculture products in the country ;

(b) what is the value thereof ; and

(c) what are the steps taken to develop post harvest technology and its utilisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The losses (as percentage of production) at producer's level have been estimated as 4.34% in case of Paddy, 3.20% in case of Wheat, 5.01% in case of Jowar, 2.17% in case of Bajra